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WELLINGTON AND SYDNEY PASS TO TOM RESTON IN CHRISTOPHER PARTY

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BRIEFS PRESS FOLLOWING CHRISTOPHER VISIT

FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF A PRESS BRIEFING SERMSAK THEPHAKHAM, SECRETARY TO THAI PRIME MINISTER THANIN KRAIVIXIEN, GAVE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN BANGKOK JULY 25 JUST AFTER DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY MET WITH THANIN.

(BEGIN TRANSCRIPT)

SERMSAK: THE U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE U.S. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, ESCORTED BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND, PAID A VISIT TO THE PRIME MINISTER. BOTH SIDES DIS-
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CUSSED SEVERAL MATTERS. FIRST, THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED THANKS TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ASSISTANCE IT HAS ALWAYS PROVIDED. THE U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT THAI-U.S. RELATIONS HAVE EXISTED FOR A LONG TIME AND ARE PROFOUND AND IMPROVED, AND THAT FROM NOW ON COOPERATION WHICH THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE TO THAILAND WILL CHANGE IN FORM IN SOME WAYS BUT

WILL BE MORE FAVORABLE AND MORE BENEFICIAL TO THAILAND.

NEXT, HUMAN RIGHTS IN THAILAND WERE MENTIONED. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THE FACTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THAILAND DURING THE PERIOD SINCE OCTOBER 6, 1976. HE SAID THAT THE VARIOUS ACTIONS OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT MAY BE SEEN AS BEING AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT THEY ARE NOT SO. AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THE VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, THE U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY WAS SATISFIED WITH HIS EXPLANATION.

ANOTHER MATTER IS THE PRIME MINISTER'S EXPLANATION ABOUT THAILAND'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ITSELF TOWARD FULL DEMOCRACY. HE INFORMED THE U.S. UNDER SECRETARY SO HE COULD UNDERSTAND THAILAND'S EFFORTS TO BUILD DEMOCRACY STEP BY STEP. THE U.S. UNDER SECRETARY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE CLEAR EXPLANATION GIVEN AND SAW THAT IT IS THE RIGHT WAY.

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